

Kluesner, Dave

From: Mugdan, Walter
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Watkins, Tim
Cc: Kluesner, Dave; Mears, Mary
Subject: RE: Slightly revised one-pager re: Covanta/Rahway project

Hi Tim,

I don't believe Pete did have a chance to call Catherine. He is indeed on travel the rest of the week, and I'm afraid it's unlikely he'll have a chance to call while in PR. I'll keep you posted, in case I hear anything, and I will certainly remind him next Monday at the latest.

Walter

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Subject: RE: Slightly revised one-pager re: Covanta/Rahway project

Hi Walter, did Pete ever connect with Catherine McCabe? I know he is travel to PR this week, but wanted to check on this.

Thanks.

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Thanks again – Pete Lopez, and Dave, Mary and I are all comfortable with the revisions to the document that you've suggested. We'll keep you informed about communications with Commissioner McCabe.

From: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
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Hello Walter, I have attached some suggest edits to the one-pager (both a marked-up and clean version). Let me know if you would like to discuss these suggestions.

Also, I wanted to pass along some information that we got from Covanta earlier this morning – regarding their perspective on community relations.

- Very little controversy during the past 30 plus years.
- Since Covanta facility is owned Union County Utilities and leased by Covanta, they have informed the Union County Utility of the planned study.
- Covanta meets monthly with local officials and community representatives including Councilman Dave Brown, Pastor Marti Robinson of Ebenezer Church, and Mr. Ron McCray, local resident and former NAACP president. Their next scheduled call with this group is this Friday (Aug 14), during which they plan to provide a heads-up of the planned study.
- Covanta also noted that they would soon be reaching out to the local state assemblyman, James Kennedy, and would also like to reach out to the Mayor of Rahway.
- Covanta is not familiar with Rahway rising, but noted that downtown Rahway has been undergoing a lot of development in the past few years where old downtown structures are being replaced with very expensive condos, which they think this is the impetus behind the Rahway rising group.

Let me know if you have questions, would like to set up a follow-up discussion and/or the status of Pete's conversation with NJDEP.

Thanks for all your assistance.

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Hi Tim,

Pete Lopez had a few minor edits to the paper I shared with you yesterday. Here's the revised version. He hasn't yet had a chance to speak with NJDEP Commissioner McCabe, but he does plan to do so. This one-pager could serve as talking points for his conversation with her, and subsequent conversations with the Rahway mayor and a community organization.

Walter